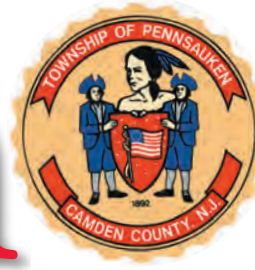


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Pennsauken To Hold Annual 9/11 Flag Placement Ceremony



An annual Pennsauken tradition, members of our community will join first responders to place American flags at the Township's 9/11 Memorial.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Each year, American flags are placed throughout Pennsauken's 9/11 Memorial, located at the corner of Merchantville Ave. and Rt. 130, across the street from the Township's Municipal Building and the Pennsauken Free Public Library.

Volunteers are needed to help distribute the flags on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 11:45 p.m. and remove them on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 11:45 p.m. Those wishing to participate on either day are asked to arrive by 11:40 p.m.

Pennsauken's monument was first dedicated on September 11, 2003, as a tribute to the heroes of 9/11 and the dedicated direct responders — police, fire and EMS — who serve every day to protect residents and businesses in the communities where they live. In remembrance of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a steel beam from the World Trade Center North Tower was dedicated as a permanent part of the memorial.

Community Invited To Car And Bike Show, Fall Festival

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

The Pennsauken community is invited to attend two popular public events: the Car and Bike Show, held on Sunday, Sept. 18, and the town's Fall Festival, on Saturday, Oct. 15.

"In the next few weeks, we have not one, but two public events that are wonderful opportunities to get outdoors and enjoy a great time with our neighbors," said Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafah. "We can't wait to see everyone there!"

Car And Bike Show Held September 18

Pennsauken's annual Car and Bike Show will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hundreds of classic cars and bikes will be on display along part of the "Maple Mile," starting at Pinsetter Bar and Bowl, the co-sponsor of



Pennsauken's annual Car and Bike Show is held on Sunday, Sept. 18, along Maple Ave.

the event, located at 7111 Maple Ave., and extending towards Union Ave.

There will be 23 judging classes for cars, from Stock Production to 1953 to All New Cars, 2015 to Present, as well as nine judging classes for motorcycles, from Full

Dresser to Antique Bikes.

As attendees stroll the show, viewing the many cars and bikes on display, they can also enjoy a variety of other activities. Food trucks will be on hand offering a variety of

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Officials Cut Ribbon On Transformed Skate Park

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On July 30, Pennsauken Township cut the ribbon to reopen its popular skate park, which has undergone extensive renovations.

"I am extremely excited to help reopen our Pennsauken Skate Park," said Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafah. "The entire Township Committee has been behind this project 110 percent from its inception. The Pennsauken Skate Park is not only exciting for our local skaters, but it is also making a big impact in our community. Committeeman DiBattista's vision has taken this park to a whole new level, and

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Pennsauken Township recently cut the ribbon to reopen its popular skate park, which has undergone extensive renovations. The 14,000 square foot park features a variety of elements that appeal to skaters of various levels.

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Pennsauken Fall Clean Up Day Held On October 1

The Pennsauken Environmental Commission and the Township's Parks and Recreation Department will be holding a fall clean up day on Saturday, Oct. 1. Held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., volunteers will be split between two locations: the Boat Ramp at Derousse Ave., and the Pennsauken Creek area by the Pennsauken Country Club.

"Each year, volunteers from our community come out and help keep some of Pennsauken's great outdoor spaces free of litter and debris," explained Juan Vazquez, the Township's parks and recreation coordinator. "This is a great project for community groups and young people who need service hours. We hope you'll join us!"

Each person, family, or team will be

provided with trash bags, a bucket, gloves (one size fits all), and trash pickers. It is suggested that volunteers wear boots, along with old clothes (long-sleeved shirts and pants), as individuals can get muddy and dirty. These clean ups may be canceled/postponed due to weather 24 hours prior to the event.

If a volunteer feels ill within 24 hours of the event, comes in contact with someone who had tested positive for COVID-19 or is waiting for test results, and/or have personally tested positive for COVID-19 or are awaiting test results, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at the contact information below and stay home.

Registration for the fall clean up is required at least five days prior to the

event. To register, please email the following information to jvazquez@pennsauken.gov or slaurick@yahoo.com:

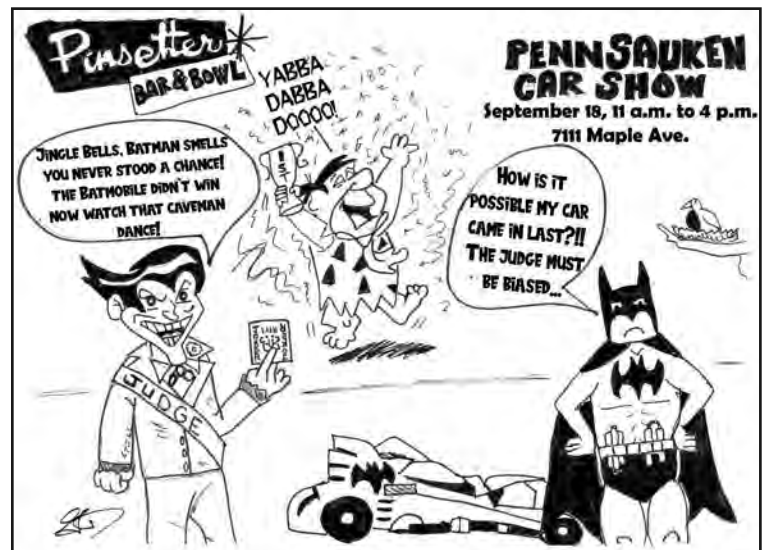
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- The number of people coming with you, if any
- Your preferred clean up location
- A good phone number and email address to contact you with updates, cancellations, etc.

PHS Alumni Luncheon Held On September 21

The monthly Pennsauken High School Alumni Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1:00 p.m., at Marco's Restaurant at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

Reservations are required as space is limited. Call Norma at (856) 220-5597 to reserve a space or for any questions.

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MAYOR'S CORNER Mark Your Calendar For Some Special Pennsauken Events



By Jessica Rafah,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

In the next few weeks, Pennsauken Township will be holding some very special events. Many have been staples of our community for years, others just newly started. But whether they are new or old, it's always good to get together as residents, neighbors, and friends to communicate, celebrate, and remember.

In remembrance of the 21st anniversary of the terror attacks on September 11, 2001, Pennsauken will be holding its annual flag placement ceremony at our town's 9/11 Memorial, located at the corner of Merchantville Ave. and Rt. 130. Volunteers will be coming together on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 11:40 p.m. If you've never attended this special event, I encourage you to join us. It's a very solemn

ceremony to remind us all that there is a real price for freedom, and that we should never forget what happened on that day.

Just a few days later, our community comes together to enjoy an annual Township tradition that turns the big 3-0! On Sunday, Sept. 18, the Pennsauken Car and Bike Show returns to Maple Ave. by Pinsetter Bar and Bowl. From 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., you'll be able to enjoy so many great cars and motorcycles. It is a wonderful opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy a great time with our neighbors.

Everyone on Township Committee knows how important it is to interact and listen to our residents. That's why Deputy Mayor Nicole Roberts and I will be holding our second Facebook Live event on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 7:00 p.m. Join us on the Township's Facebook page @PennsaukenTwp where we'll once again take an hour to have a Q&A with you. Residents can submit their questions in advance by visiting

https://bit.ly/PennsaukenFB_Live.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, Pennsauken will also be holding its annual Fall Festival. Held from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex on Westfield Ave., attendees can enjoy amusement rides, a variety of food trucks, as well as tables of crafters, vendors, and community groups. This event is very special, as it showcases our extremely diverse community. Let's celebrate the African, Asian, European, Latin, and all of the other many cultures that help make our American culture shine. If your community group celebrates any type of culture, we would LOVE to have you participate! Please visit PennsaukenEvents.com to learn how.

As summer comes to an end, many of us look to squeeze in one last party or barbecue. When doing so, I would remind our residents to please be mindful of their neighbors. Pennsauken Township is serious about addressing noise

issues in our community. Whether it's boom cars, or loud parties, Pennsauken Police are issuing tickets. We continue to work with other public officials to find better solutions so that everyone gets the peace and quiet they deserve.

It's also that time of year where our children are getting ready to go back to school. I hope that they have an enjoyable and fruitful year of learning. I know there are many things you're getting ready to put in your backpacks, from pencils and notebooks to calculators and laptops. But don't forget some of the most important things to bring from home, like kindness, accountability, and respect. These tools are extremely important, both in school and in life; they're shared by our loved ones, who want you to grow and succeed. You are our future leaders. Stay dedicated, be bold, and make us Pennsauken Proud!

Finally, as I write this column, we're approaching Labor Day 2022. Peter J.

McGuire, known as the "Father of Labor Day," is buried in Arlington Cemetery right here in Pennsauken. A memorial recognizing his accomplishments is also located there. Members of Committee will be attending a special ceremony the morning of Friday, Sept. 2, to celebrate the hard work and contributions of skilled laborers. We thank all those who get up and go to work to provide for their families; you keep our community going and help us grow. A special thank you to our entire municipal staff for all that you do for Pennsauken. Your hard work does not go unnoticed.

Enjoy the final weeks of summer and the start of fall!

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First Sunday Events At Pennsauken's Homes For History

Information Provided By The Pennsauken Historical Society

On Sunday, Sept. 4, Pennsauken Historical Society will open the Burrough-Dover House to the public for visits and tours from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy a day with family and friends on the beautiful grounds of the old Burrough farm and learn more of our local history in the museum and from our experienced docents. Burrough-Dover House, the 1710-1793 home of the colonial Burrough family, is located on Burrough-Dover Lane, near

Wyndam Rd., off of Haddonfield Rd.

The Griffith Morgan House, will be open on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This will be the first of two events during Camden County History Month this year, so watch for more details in next month's All Around Pennsauken and on Facebook. On this "First Sunday," we will offer tours of the house and museum as well as presenting living history demonstrations. Griffith Morgan House is located at 243 Griffith Morgan Lane, off River Rd. between Delair and Rt. 73.

Come one come all and see history! Bring the kids! Bring your friends! Light refreshments will be available at both events. There is no cost for admission and parking is free.

Do you enjoy history? Do you enjoy conversations about history? Do you like learning and practicing ways of life as done in decades and centuries past? Then the Pennsauken Historical Society wants you! We are always looking for new members and volunteers. Please email pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com if interested.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House or Pennsauken Historical Society pages or the group "Pennsauken History Forum" on Facebook for more details and directions, or e-mail pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Facebook Live Event With Pennsauken's Mayor, Deputy Mayor Held September 21

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

After a successful live stream last May, Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafeh and Deputy Mayor Nicole Roberts will be hosting a second Facebook Live Q&A session on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 7:00 p.m. Available for viewing on Facebook @PennsaukenTwp, the two Committee members will once again provide updates on what's happening in town, as well as answer questions directly from residents.

"We had such a great response from our last Facebook Live event, Deputy Mayor Roberts and I felt that it was time to hold another one," said Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafeh. "We want our residents to know that everyone who lives

or works in Pennsauken has a voice and deserves to be heard. This live stream is a perfect way to connect with residents who may not have an opportunity to come to one of our Township Committee meetings."

The live stream is anticipated to last around an hour. Individuals wishing to participate are encouraged to submit their questions through Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Township website at https://bit.ly/PennsaukenFB_Live. Questions submitted live during the stream will also be answered as time allows.

"Please mark your calendars for this special event and we hope that our community joins us online for this Q&A session," said Deputy Mayor Nicole Roberts.

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Changes, Repairs Made To Pennsauken Boat Ramp

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

For many years, the Pennsauken Boat Ramp on Derosse Ave. has been open to both residents and visitors to the Township, offering an easy and convenient way for those with boats and other watercraft to go out and enjoy the Delaware River. However, Pennsauken's municipal government received numerous complaints and concerns from neighbors regarding certain individuals who inappropriately took advantage of and disrespected this special and unique amenity. Issues included excessive parking; vandalism; trespassing on private property; dumping of trash; illegal parties with BBQ grills or fire pits; extremely loud music from parties and boom cars; and the like. In addition, a floating ramp was punctured from improper boat activity.

To address these issues, Pennsauken Township closed the boat ramp for two weeks; and the Department of Public Works made several changes and repairs to the site. These included:

- The installation of "No Parking" signs, both along Derosse Ave. and appropriate locations within the boat ramp
- Fixing broken portions of the boat ramp parking lot, sealing the asphalt, and restriping parking spaces
- Putting up barricades along the boat ramp to prevent trespassing onto NJ Transit and Camden City property

In the coming weeks, additional signage will be added to clearly state the rules of the boat ramp, as well as cite the Township ordinance that details the proper use of the site. In addition, officers from the Pennsauken Township Police Department will be sending patrols to

the boat ramp on a regular basis to help curb inappropriate activity.

"Our Public Works Department did an amazing job with the Pennsauken Boat Ramp, and we thank them for all of their hard work," said Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafeh. "These changes will help encourage the proper code of conduct for residents and visitors who go

there, as well as allow our police officers to better enforce the rules."

"Public Works was happy to help make the improvements to the boat ramp and our guys worked extremely hard to make it happen," said Joe Scavuzzo, director of Pennsauken's Public Works Department. "We look forward to taking on more projects like this to

help improve the town."

To report issues with the Pennsauken Boat Ramp, such as excessive litter and debris, graffiti, damage to the site, etc., please contact Pennsauken's Department of Public Works at (856) 663-0178, public-works@pennsauken.gov, or by sending a message to the "Pennsauken Twp. Dept. of Public Works" Facebook page.



Pennsauken's Department of Public Works did extensive work to the boat ramp at Derosse Ave.

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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

The nature of our work is seasonal and can seem monotonous at times, preparing for the upcoming season change only weeks into the start of the last. With the arrival of cooler temperatures after that hot streak in late July/August, I'm ready for a change! That hot, dry stretch did provide some relieve to the grass cutting schedule for the Township locations without irrigation and permitted us to

Changing Things Up During A Dry Summer

take on some different work.

During August, Pennsauken's Department of Public Works was working at the Boat Launch Ramp, located where Derousse Ave. meets the Delaware River. This scenic spot has received a facelift with new parking signage, asphalt repair, parking lot striping, and some fresh landscaping. With the newest renovation to the Skate Park at the Community Recreation Complex on Westfield Ave., Public Works was tasked with blending the surrounding park with the

new site. With the construction fence removed, overgrowth along the fence line was removed and an attractive fabric screen was installed to mask the adjacent commercial properties. These special jobs are a wonderful way to improve Pennsauken's appearance and are great for changing things up when it comes to Pub-

lic Work's operations. No matter the crew, a fresh energy is exposed when our staff can exercise some muscle on these jobs.

Camden County is holding its second-to-last Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for 2022 right here in town. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill, located at

9600 N. River Rd. Make sure you check the list of items that residents are allowed to bring by visiting CamdenCounty.com or calling our office for a copy of the flyer. It will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. "rain or shine." The last event will be held in Lindenwold on Oct. 22. This will be the last chance before spring 2023.

When spring cleaning has come and gone, I head down to the basement or out to the garage or shed and take a look at what's been sitting on the shelf. I typically find unused paint related products, household cleaners, pesticides on an annual basis from various projects with "leftovers." If you're thinking about downsizing, already have the house on the market or simply want to help your home lose a couple pounds, I encourage you to use these events to properly dispose of this material. For a full list of what to bring and what NOT to bring, feel free to call (856) 858-5241.

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Camden County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, on Saturday, Sept. 24, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine, at the Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill, 9600 N. River Rd. For a full list of what to bring and what NOT to bring, call (856) 858-5241.

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Township Holds Annual Halloween Home Decorating Contest

The hunt will be on for the best Halloween decorations in town. Sponsored by Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee, the annual Halloween Home Decorating Contest will recognize those homes that go all out for the spookiest time of the year. A team of guys and ghouls will be creeping around town to locate the most impressive expressions of Halloween spirit Pennsauken has to offer. Prizes will be given to the first, second, and third place winners.

In order for decorated homes in Pennsauken to be considered for this year's contest, residents must submit their address using an online form on the Township's website. This link can be accessed at PennsaukenEvents.com. Registration runs through Monday, Oct. 17.



This October, Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee will be holding a contest to identify the best Halloween decorations in town.

Help cause some friendly frights throughout our neighborhoods by decorating your home or visiting those who

do! For more information, call Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000 x151.

Pennsauken Lifeguards Receive Recertification Training



Lifeguards at the Pennsauken Municipal Pool handled a simulated "drowning" as part of their recertification training. No local editors were harmed during this event.

Scrub Daddy To Speak At PMAC Networking Luncheon



Will Augenbraun and Jennifer Picariello from Scrub Daddy will be the guest speakers at the PMAC Networking Luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 7, noon, at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddon-

field Rd.

Makers of "America's Favorite Sponge" and one of the most successful companies on the popular TV show "Shark Tank," Scrub Daddy relocated its global headquarters to Pennsauken, purchasing a 116,000-square foot property along

Rt. 130 and investing over \$8 million in site renovations.

The cost to attend is \$30 per person. PMAC members can R.S.V.P. no later than Monday, Sept. 5, by contacting Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmac1team@gmail.com.

Toy And Collectible Street Fair Held On September 10

Play With This Toys & Collectibles presents its annual Toy and Collectible Street Fair on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Held along West Park Ave. in Merchantville, the event showcases a va-

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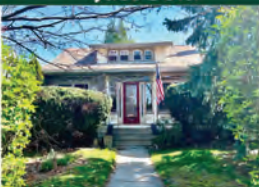
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Carson Students Are Book Buddies With High Schoolers



Students from Pennsauken High School were "Reading Buddies" with first graders at Carson Elementary.

Carson first graders enjoyed teaming up with Ms. Snyder's PHS students for a year-long "Book Buddies" experience.

Each week, PHS students met with our first graders via Google Meet to share books with each other. At the end

of the school year, both Carson students and PHS students were excited to meet in person at the Field House. We are looking forward to continuing our Book Buddies relationship during the 2022-2023 school year!

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"I wanted to create something different: a business with a huge heart," explains Adler. "I have lived in this community since I was 13 and was working in home care for over 20 years. I realized that no home health care agency really had the community in mind. I needed to create something special that truly took care of elderly and disabled clients, as well as those who care for them. I treat every aide and client like family."

In the last two and a half years, Countrywide in New Jersey has expanded to two locations, with over 400 aides serving 750 clients. Aides provide care right in the clients' homes, assisting with bathing, toileting, ambulation, transferring clients in and out of beds and wheelchairs, grooming, food preparation, laundry, light housekeeping, and errands. The aides also provide companionship and a caring ear ready to listen.

"Our staff forms valuable connections with our clients. So many people are alone with no family and no one to talk to," says Adler. "And with staff who speak languages like Spanish, Russian, Korean, Hebrew, and Hindi, we can relate to them in their native tongues."

As part of her commitment to serving the community, Adler is very hands on with the families she serves, as well as her employees.

"We're a family and families are supposed to take care of



The staff of Countrywide Home Care: "A family by choice."

each other," explains Adler. "We make sure that our community is fed. We get deliveries twice a month of chicken, peanut butter, and rice. We stock up the freezers for the clients and the aides. We make sure that everybody has an opportunity to get to work. If there's an emergency and an aide doesn't have transportation, we'll come get them. We also offer clients and their families an on-call service that's available 24/7, with a live person on the phone.

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Jones Competes In SkillsUSA Championship

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In addition to being a recent graduate of Pennsauken High School, Zafir Jones, '22, received another accolade: state champion.

SkillsUSA Championships are career competition events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national

levels. In April, Jones won first place at the state level in the Electronics Technology category; in June, just after graduation, Zafir, along with Electrical Trades teacher John Takach, headed to Atlanta, Ga. for the national championships.

"Winning at the state level is like winning the playoffs. Then, Zafir and I went to the Super Bowl of career and technical trades, where he competed against

the best students in the country," explained Takach. "Never in the history of Pennsauken High School has a student made it that far in SkillsUSA."

What made the accomplishment even more impressive is that this is Pennsauken High School's first year participating in SkillsUSA.

"I honestly expected to host a few local competitions and have a local champion within our class," said Takach. "I was very excited to have a national competitor in our first year with Skills USA."

At the national championships, Zafir's

skills were put to the test in real world applications dealing with soldering, troubleshooting, and construction of electronic circuits. And while he didn't place in the top three, what Jones was able to accomplish was just the start of a very promising career in the electrical trades.

"IBEW Local 351, our local electrical workers union, invited Zafir into their junior electrical apprenticeship program. He is working as a union electrician," said Takach. "This is a fabulous career opportunity for Zafir and will pave the way for future graduates of Pennsauken High School's electrical trades class."

An Important Notice Concerning Free/Reduced Meals, PEBT

For School Year 2022-2023, families MUST submit an application for Free and Reduced Meal Benefits in order to receive those benefits.

For the past two years, families did not have to submit an application. However, the Federal Government has changed back to requiring meal applications for each household. These applications will not only be for free/reduced meals but will also provide approved families with any potential PEBT benefits. These ben-

efits cannot be distributed without having a 2022-2023 application on file.

Applications will be sent home the first day of school with every child. Only one application needs to be completed per household, listing all members in the household. Additionally, applications will be available on the Pennsauken District Website, Pennsauken.net, clicking the "Departments" menu link, and selecting "Food Services."

Get the latest District updates by following
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Proud Poet And Proud Teacher At Carson



ELL teacher Mrs. Davis and poetry contest winner Ricardo Perez.

Carson student Ricardo Perez won an award for his poetry this past school year in the Friends of the Library Mary Levin Poetry Contest. Mrs. Davis, Ricardo's ELL teacher, was very proud of Ricardo's accomplishment. We encourage Ricardo to continue to share his writing talents!

First Day Of School Is Tuesday, September 6

(Full Day of Classes)

School Hours

Pennsauken High School

Start Time: Home room begins at 7:10 a.m.
End Time: Last period ends at 1:50 p.m.

Phifer Middle School

Start Time: Home room begins at 7:40 a.m.
End Time: Last period ends at 2:26 p.m.

Pennsauken Intermediate School

Start Time: Home room begins at 8:05 a.m.
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By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, MEd², M.S., M.B.S., M.A.², Ed.D., Ph.D., Superintendent, Pennsauken Public Schools; and the Pennsauken Board of Education: Nick Perry, President; JoAnn Young, Vice President; Lisa Eckel; Michael Hurley; Diane Johnson; Samer John Jarbough-Rafeh; Scott La Vine; and Orlando Viera, Jr.

We are excited to kick off the 2022-23 school year! The Board of Education and I extend a warm welcome to both our new and returning students and parents who are all important members of our Pennsauken Public Schools Family.

Pennsauken Public Schools exist to create a community that craves learning, fosters resiliency, and cares deeply for every child. We benefit from an invested Board of Education, talented administrators and staff, and outstanding students.

The first day of school is Tuesday, Sept. 6. This day is particularly special, as it represents the most "normal" start of a school year since before the pandemic. While we hope that any future impact COVID-19 has is minimal and rare, Pennsauken Public Schools will continue to follow the guidelines set forth by the State of New Jersey. We also remain fully

committed to the safety and wellbeing of each and every student under our care. Whether it's in the classroom or an extracurricular activity, Pennsauken Public Schools are focused on providing a secure environment of learning and acceptance.

As of the writing of this article, we are preparing for two momentous ribbon cuttings that will provide more unique educational opportunities for Pennsauken students. On Friday, Sept. 2, Pennsauken Public Schools will be cutting the ribbon on the Roosevelt K-8 STEM School. This elementary school building has been completely renovated as a state-of-the-art Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) School.

The STEM school will encourage learners to put their textbooks down and allow them to experiment, make mistakes, and then use their experiences to formulate a solution. The students at Roosevelt STEM school will be challenged to think critically and use technological innovations to help them succeed in their future endeavors.

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, Pennsauken Public Schools will be cutting the ribbon

on the first and only Puratos Baking School in the United States. This new school is part of the District's growing Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

Puratos' Bakery School Foundation has invested in bakery schools across the globe, teaching young people the skills needed to work in the bakery, patisserie, and chocolate sectors. Upon completion of the program, combined with the experience learned through paid internships, students walk away with the knowledge and skill to make a real career in the baking industry.

We encourage our District families to regularly check our website, Pennsauken.net, as well as our Facebook page @PennsaukenSchools, for the latest updates.

In closing, as we begin the 2022-2023 school year, we encourage all of our school families to be fully engaged in their children's education. Working together, we can create unique and lasting learning experiences for our students.

See you all on Sept. 6!

Before And After Care Information

Before and After Care by LAM will be provided at the following buildings for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Carson
- Delair
- Fine
- Franklin
- Roosevelt
- Intermediate

Before and After Care will begin on Sept. 6.

Before Care begins at each building at 7:00 a.m. Before Care at Roosevelt will begin at 6:30 a.m.

After Care ends at each building at 6:00 p.m.

Please note there is a minimum of three days required for enrollment and there is a 24-hour processing time from

the date of online registration.

For more information, visit Pennsauken.net.

Help Wanted

LAM is looking for qualified candidates for positions within the Before and After Care program at all locations.

Interested candidates should use the following link to apply for employment: <https://www.lamcampus.com/about-7>. They can also email the Program Director, Lauren Sutton (laurensutton.lamcampus@gmail.com) for details.

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Important Dates

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| Sept. 6 | First Day of School (Full Day) |
| Sept. 13 | Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at PHS (800 Hylton Rd.), Room 327 |
| Sept. 19 | PK – 3rd Grade Back to School Night |
| Sept. 20 | 4th – 5th Grade Back to School Night |
| Sept. 21 | Phifer and Roosevelt Back to School Night |
| Sept. 22 | PHS and BHS Back to School Night |
| Sept. 26 | School CLOSED, Rosh Hashanah |

*Back to School Nights will be virtual presentations by teachers and posted on their websites.

Pennsauken Public Schools Elementary Supply List 2022-2023

Please note that this is a suggested School Supply List.



Kindergarten

- Book bag to fit a school folder
- Lunchbox
- 1 box of No. 2 Ticonderoga pencils
- 1 pack of glue sticks
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 1 box of Crayola washable markers
- 1 pack of eraser caps for top of pencil
- 1 pair of kid scissors (dull point)
- 1 cloth pencil pouch
- 1 pack of baby wipes
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 pair of earbuds

First Grade

- Book bag to fit a school folder
- Lunchbox
- 1 box of pencils
- 1 pack of glue sticks
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pack of pink erasers
- 1 pair of kid scissors (dull point)
- 1 cloth pencil pouch
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 pair of earbuds

Second Grade

- Book bag to fit a school folder
- Lunchbox
- 1 box of pencils
- 1 pack of glue sticks
- 1 box of 24 crayons

- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 pack of erasers
- 1 pack of yellow highlighters
- 1 pair of kid scissors (dull point)
- 1 cloth pencil pouch
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 pair of earbuds

Third Grade

- Book bag to fit a school folder
- Lunchbox
- 1 box of pencils
- 1 pack of glue sticks
- 1 box of 24 Crayons
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 pack of erasers
- 1 pair of kid scissors (dull point)
- 1 cloth pencil pouch
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 pair of earbuds

Book Bags:

Please label your child's book bag with their name on the inside and room number.

Also, write a parent or guardian's phone number inside the bookbag for emergencies.

Please check your child's school bag daily and remove all classroom work and school notices.

Personal toys, games, etc., are not permitted in School

Pennsauken Intermediate School 2022-2023 School Supplies List

- 1 Book bag to fit a school folder
- 1 box of No. 2 Ticonderoga pencils
- 1 pack of glue sticks
- 1 pack of erasers
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 1 box of Crayola washable marker
- 1 pair of kid scissors (dull point)
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 pair of earbuds or headphones
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 pencil case
- ***Hand Sanitizer
- ***Face Mask (optional)

Book Bags:

Please label your child's book bag with his/her name and room number.

Also, write a parent or guardian's phone number inside the bookbag for emergencies.

Please check your child's school bag daily and remove all classroom work and school notices.

Personal toys, games, etc., are not permitted in school.

Please note that this is only a SUGGESTED School Supply List.



Send Us Your Back To School Pics!

Pennsauken School Families can email this year's back to school pictures to aap@pennsauken.gov or send them via Facebook message at @AllAroundPennsauken.

WE'LL PICK OUR FAVORITES AND SHARE THEM VIA SOCIAL MEDIA AND OUR OCTOBER PRINT EDITION!

Pennsauken's K-3 Students Enjoy Summer Program

On July 5, select Pennsauken elementary students started our yearly summer program at George B. Fine School. Students throughout the district's elementary schools were included in this program to help avoid the "summer academic slide" by providing language arts, math, and science instruction from 9:00 a.m. to noon, four days a week. This year, students were also offered special areas for some added enrichment and fun. All classes cycled through music, art, physical education and science with an artistic twist. There were special dress days, a field day and summer ice cream for all involved. This program was a valuable resource for our community and could be the springboard for heightened success during the 2022-2023 school year. A special thank you to all the faculty and staff who helped make it enriching all the way to the last day on Aug. 11!



Elementary students from kindergarten through third grade participated in a special program to help avoid the "summer slide."

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Parent Involvement Carnival At Franklin



Ms. Vesper read stories to students during Franklin's Parent Involvement Carnival.

On May 12, Franklin held our Parent Involvement Carnival. We had many activities that the families enjoyed. Students played dominos, drew with sidewalk

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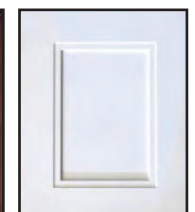
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PUBLIC SAFETY Training To Ensure The Safety Of Our Children



By Pennsauken Township Police Chief Philip Olivo

Last month, officers from the Pennsauken Township Police Department joined members of the Merchantville Police Department, as well as firefighters and EMTs from the Pennsauken Fire Department for important training at Pennsauken Public School's Park Avenue Campus. The training scenario was designed to prepare all of the first responders for an active shooting situation in a school setting.

Our children are our most precious resource, and we must train to prepare ourselves to keep them safe. We hope to never have to use this training for an actual incident, but we will be prepared and ready if we do.

This scenario is just one of the ways our officers train on a regular basis to help improve their ability to protect and serve the Pennsauken community. Recently the Pennsauken Police Department acquired



Officers from Pennsauken and Merchantville, along with firefighters and EMTs from the Pennsauken Fire Department, participated in an active shooter training scenario.

technology that runs training scenarios through VR goggles. By putting on the goggles, an officer is immersed in the situation, adding a new element to their ongoing law enforcement education.

Junior Police Academies A Success

I also wanted to personally thank Sgt.

Gavin Rossner, Ptl. Robert Carey, Ptl. Ricardo Figueroa, Ptl. Charles Brewer, Ptl. Lexxus Matos, Ptl. Ryan Madden, Ptl. Liz Perez, and Det. Michael DiCamillo for their hard work during the two Junior Police Academies we held this summer. The increased interest and enrollment we had this year is a testament to the dedication and talent of these officers.

This camp provides a hands-on opportunity for young people to learn the various aspects of being a police officer, including mechanics of equipment and firearm safety, CSI and training exercises, proper police protocols, K-9 demonstrations, and character-building practices. These academies also help to build a positive rapport between the youth of our community and our officers; and I have no doubt that one day, some of these inspiring young men and women will put on a uniform and have a successful career in law enforcement.

Have a great rest of your summer and stay safe!

Officers Visit Bowling Camp



Pennsauken police officers stopped by the Township's summer bowling camp and played a few frames with the kids!

Pennsauken Town Watch Held September 14

The Sept. 14 Town Watch Meeting will be held in the training room at the Pennsauken Township Police Station, 2400 Bethel Ave. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Pennsauken Town Watch is a program that consists of a partnership between the Pennsauken Police Department

and the citizens of the community, where we work together to keep our neighborhoods safe. Participants also have the ability to voice the concerns of the community during these monthly meetings.

For more information, visit the "Pennsauken Town Watch" Facebook Group.



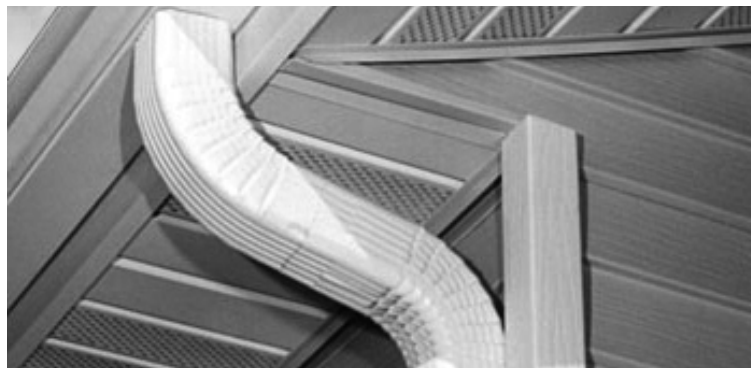
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HEALTHYLIFESTYLES Five Tips For Transitioning Back To School

(Family Features) Heading back to the classroom is a big change following a summer of fun in the sun. Some kids eagerly embrace the idea of once again being surrounded by friends and thrive on the familiar tempo a new school year brings. Others resist the disruption to their laid-back lifestyle.

Understanding which mindset your kids are taking into this school year can help you set the stage for success. Creating a transition plan for your family makes the return to school a team effort and reinforces a support system that is essential for kids' academic achievement.

"Even students who are excited about the new school year can benefit from a structured transition plan," said Robyn Knecht, director of counseling for St. Joseph's Indian School. "Talking with your student about what aspects of school they're looking forward to, and where they might have worries, allows you to tailor your transition plan to their needs."

Start this school year off right with these tips for a smooth transition from the education experts at St. Joseph's:

Get Back into a Routine

During the summer months, when there's no bus to catch or school bell to beat each morning, many kids have different sleep schedules and less formal routines throughout the day. As you approach the start of a school year, begin easing back toward your classroom routine by

gradually making bedtimes and wake-up times earlier. Introduce some structure with projects that blend play with learning to help re-engage those thinking caps.

Set Attainable Academic Goals

Having high educational aspirations is a protective factor that may help youth avoid at-risk behaviors. Goals should be based on the child's abilities. Asking a student who consistently earns Bs to suddenly become a straight-A student probably isn't realistic. However, you can ask your child to create goals that push his or her comfort boundaries, such as aiming for mostly B-pluses on first quarter report cards. Setting milestone goals that ladder up to larger, longer-term goals allows your student to build self-esteem, celebrate successes and stay motivated on the journey.

Make Organization a Priority

Modeling good organizational skills can help your student develop good habits that allow him or her to demonstrate a commitment to school and school-related responsibilities. For younger kids, that may be creating a designated place to store backpacks when they get home, so you avoid the morning scramble. You can ask kids of all ages to help manage a file system where you keep school papers that need to be signed and returned. Older kids can benefit from learning how to keep to-do lists and their

own calendars to manage school, sports, activities, and social commitments.

Build Positive Relationships

While your parental involvement at home plays a vital role in your student's success, so does positive engagement with supportive teachers at school. Leading up to the start of the school year, make a point to meet new teachers and develop connections that show your student he or she has a team of resources ready to share in celebrating achievements and provide a helping hand if challenges arise.

Encourage Involvement in Social Activities

Particularly for a student who lacks enthusiasm about school, finding areas for him or her to explore personal interests and excel can be particularly valuable. Treat the start of the school year as an opportunity to discover which social clubs and activities are available and find one (or more) that sparks enthusiasm. These non-academic settings can play a helpful role in developing close relationships with positive peers, which is another protective factor that supports positive outcomes for youth.

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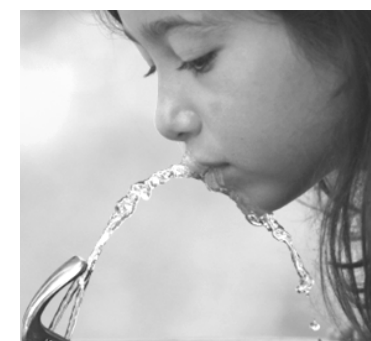
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Pennsauken Summer Programs A Big Success



Hundreds of kids from Pennsauken and Merchantville enjoyed over a dozen summer programs offered by the Township.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

For the summer of 2022, Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department put together well over a dozen programs for young people to stay active and have fun; and hundreds of children from Pennsauken and Merchantville took advantage of activities from arts and crafts to swimming lessons.

"Thank you to our Parks and Recreation Department, as well as all of our in-

structors and volunteers, who helped with all of these great summer programs," said Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafeh. "And to the parents and guardians who entrusted their children into our care, thank you for believing in our programs. It's your support that makes these activities possible."

More than one family took advantage of several summer programs. Dionna Hayes enrolled her nine-year-old daughter,

Dove, in several camps this year: learn-to-swim, creative theatre, art, and bowling.

"I liked the flexibility and opportunity to do various activities. With each activity, Dove learned something new for the summer," said Hayes. "We loved it. It was affordable with a quick and easy sign up. We got friendly reminders when the programs were about to start. We'll definitely do it again."

"It was fun," said Dove. "My favorite was theatre camp."

Amber Bibelheimer has been bringing her children to Pennsauken's summer camp programs for 12 years. Her daughter, Maggie, was a returning member to creative theatre camp; while her sons, Quintro, Zeke, Tovias, and Bryce, participated in bowling.

"I like that the summer programs are affordable and they're only a week long, so they're not a huge commitment; it's a diverse group of people and they learn new skills," said Amber. "There's a good variety of them, you can do all sorts of different activities. You can find one for everybody."

"In theatre camp, I like that you get to come up with your own script and plan for the shows," said Maggie.

"I liked that there were a lot of people and I made new friends," added Tovias. "We had a good time bowling."

"We had a great turnout for all of our summer programs this year," said Juan Vazquez, Parks and Recreation coordi-

nator for Pennsauken Township. "We hope all of the kids had a great time and look forward to offering even more

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Officials Cut Ribbon On Transformed Skate Park

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we thank him for his hard work and dedication to this project.”

“We’re excited to have this opportunity today to open up our park,” added Township Committeeman Marco DiBattista, who was instrumental in the skate park’s renovation. “This project was three years in the making. Our residents have told us that they wanted more outdoor activities in Pennsauken, reasons to stay in our town and have a great time. Township Committee has been dedicated to create top notch spaces, to give people an opportunity to express themselves in a safe and fun area.”

Located at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex at Westfield and Bethel avenues, the 14,000 square foot park features a variety of elements that appeal to skaters of various levels, including rails, ramps, a bowl, quarter pipe, and more. After the ceremonial ribbon cutting, the music started and the local skating community dropped in and enjoyed the park, with prizes given out for the best tricks. Attendees also enjoyed

food provided by the Pennsauken Fire Department.

Members of Township Committee shared their excitement about the re-opening of the Pennsauken Skate Park.

“I could not be more thrilled about this skate park,” said Deputy Mayor Nicole Roberts. “Marco’s excitement about this project is certainly contagious. I’m thrilled for all of the kids that will be able to come here and enjoy it.”

“The Pennsauken Skate Park is another way the Township is showing our investment into outdoor spaces and providing diverse activities for the community to be involved in. This is something special,” added Township Committeeman Vince Martinez. “This skate park shows we’re committed to providing unique experiences for our residents and visitors to Pennsauken. Thank you to Marco for helping make this possible.”

“I think the Pennsauken Skate Park is a great addition to the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex. It’s great for our youth,” continued Township Committeeman Patrick Olivo. “I know

Committeeman DiBattista put a lot of blood, sweat, and tears into this project and he did a wonderful job.”

Skate enthusiasts are invited to follow the Pennsauken Skate Park’s official Instagram account @pennsaukensatepark.

PENNSAUKEN SEPTEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Committee (In Person)
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Community Invited To Car And Bike Show, Fall Festival

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fare available for purchase. The Kids Zone will also be returning to the Car and Bike Show, with inflatables, trackless train, and balloon twisting for younger attendees. The Jersey String Band will be strutting along Maple Ave. during a special performance, and DJs will be playing classics and popular music throughout the event.

Each year, every effort is made to reduce the impact on the neighborhoods along Maple Ave. and adjoining streets. Residents will have access to major thoroughways and can get in and out of the area during the event.

"Pennsauken's Car and Bike Show is a great opportunity for car and bike enthusiasts, as well as our families, to come out and enjoy a great public event," explains Juan Vazquez, Parks and Recreation coordinator. "We're excited to welcome back our longtime participants and hope to see a lot of new faces as well."

The form to register a vehicle for this year's show can be downloaded from the Township's website at PennsaukenEvents.com. Pre-registration fees are \$12 for cars and \$7 for bikes; forms with the entry fee must be mailed to the Pennsauken Township Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110, c/o Juan Vazquez by Sept. 14. Registration on the day of the show is held from

10:00 a.m. to noon; at that time, fees are \$15 for cars \$8 for bikes.

In case of inclement weather, the rain date for the Car and Bike Show is Sunday, Sept. 25.

For questions or more information, email Juan Vazquez at jvazquez@pennsauken.gov or call (856) 665-1000 x151.

Fall Festival Returns On October 15

Pennsauken Township, in association with the Pennsauken Firefighters Association, will host its Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 15 (rain date Sunday, Oct. 16). This annual event, held from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex on Westfield Ave., brings the Township community together with a family-friendly atmosphere.

"We have a lot planned to make this year's Fall Festival even bigger and better than last year," explains Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafeh. "Our residents and neighbors will definitely not want to miss out on this great event."

A bicycle parade will kick off the Fall Festival, which features a variety of entertainment. Children will be able to enjoy amusement rides, bounce houses, a petting zoo, balloon twisting, face painting, and more. Families can take a short hayride to a "pumpkin patch," where

kids can pick out a small pumpkin to decorate (one per child). This year's event has a super hero theme; attendees will be able to have their picture taken with costumed characters; there will also be a multicultural aspect to the Fall Festival, with activities that will showcase the community's diversity.

Attendees will be able to purchase fare from a variety of food trucks. In addition, the festival's popular "Vendor Row," will once again be set up along the complex's parking lot, with a variety of crafters, businesses, and community organizations sharing their goods and services with participants.

Held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, a time of year to focus on promoting the importance of fire safety in the community, the Pennsauken Fire Department will hold several demonstrations. This year is the 100th anniversary of this annual awareness campaign. The theme for 2022 is, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape™", highlighting the simple but important actions individuals can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

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EDITOR'S DESK Mistaken Identity Via Text Messages Continued

EDITOR'S
DESK



By Frank Sinatra,
AAP Editor

Cases of mistaken identity continue to find their way to my phone via text message. For those readers who don't remember, a few years ago, I started receiving messages for Leila, who I believe had my landline number before me. Yes, I still have one. Somehow, my cell got roped into the mix and now I get messages about selling properties I don't own and inquiries about people I've never met. Sorry "James." Never got your message. My bad.

Then there's Danielle, who somehow signed my phone number up for all sorts of deals. The weight loss products are especially bothersome. I get it, I'm on the

bigger side. No need to rub it in.

Recently, there's been Sonia. Someone reached out to her about a Louis Vuitton handbag. Sorry. It hasn't arrived at my "store."

WhatsApp isn't much better. My favorite was an inquiry of whether I was still in Paris for a seminar. I wish I was lucky enough to travel to France right now, but hey, c'est la vie.

I realize that a lot of these are scams and that I'm not the only one who gets these vague messages. I am a little tempted to respond back and see how far the rabbit hole goes for my own amusement. But if I respond to one, I'll probably get a lot more back. That's not how I'd like my phone to blow up.

Of course, there are the onslaught of texts that are my own doing. Apparently,

someone has a minor obsession with t-shirts that have pop culture references on them. Who knew that there were that many DC Comics, Marvel, Star Wars, Doctor Who, Dungeon and Dragons, Masters of the Universe, Godzilla, Trans-

formers, and Voltron shirts out there? Certainly not me. I. Am. Shocked.

I also like to pretend that in some way, the Universe deemed it fit that I got these obtrusive texts so that Leila, Danielle, and Sonia don't have to. That this is some sort

of cosmic public service that ultimately will lead to the betterment of humanity. To that end, you're welcome, ladies. Have a great end to your summer. Be sure to block those strange phone numbers.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Held October 2



The Pennsauken Lions Club will hold their annual Ned Davis Memorial Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 2, at Temple Lutheran Church Rt. 130 and Merchantville Ave., Pennsauken, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, omelet bar, juice, and coffee. In addition, there will raffle baskets for attendees to

win an assortment of items. All proceeds benefit the Lions eye screening program, school scholarships, residents in need, and much more.

Tickets are available at the door or from any Lions Club member. For more information, contact us at pennsaukenlionsclub1@gmail.com or (609) 468-8921.

The Pennsauken Lions Club continues to support the needs of the community by addressing issues that benefit the

less fortunate individuals and families in Pennsauken.

The Pennsauken Lions are looking for dedicated community individuals to join us for any future meeting and to become a member. If you would like more information about the Lions Club, to help the less fortunate citizens of the community, donate to our vision screening program, or support our school scholarship efforts, please consider joining us! Lions meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (except holidays). The Lions meet in the Community Room of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. However, location is subject to change. To confirm the exact location, send us an email to let us know that you will be attending.

Please follow us at Facebook.com/pennsaukenlions or contact us via email at PennsaukenLionsClub1@gmail.com.

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FOODADVENTURES



By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

The history of the happy hour began in the early 20th century when units in the United States Navy created a “happy hour” aboard their ships to relieve boredom and monotony at sea. Events within this time included boxing, wrestling, music, and dancing. By the end of World War I, happy hour was being celebrated across all areas of the Navy. This tradition

The Special Power Of The Happy Hour

soon made its way to land.

As time went on, drinking became more of the focus for these special hours of fun. When Prohibition hit, happy hours slowed down a bit. Then there was a surge of secret happy hours that began to spring up at local homes and speak-easies all across the country, adding a bit of risk and excitement to the merriment. The ban on alcohol solidified the institution of the happy hour, and it was here to stay.

In more recent times, happy hours have evolved due to a steep rise in our foodie nation. A time to not only enjoy a tasty cocktail, but also try new and interesting foods at a great price. These events are now used by bars and restaurants to draw in patrons using food and drink

specials within a certain window of time that costs a more discounted rate. These happy hours normally last from 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. and can go as late as 8:00 p.m. A select few places even host weekend happy hours, but it's harder to find those.

Locally, Pennsauken establishments like Tortilla Press Cantina on Maple Ave., LaScala's Birra on North Park Dr., and Pinsetter Bar and Bowl on Haddonfield Rd., as well as other well-known places like The Jug Handle Inn, which is

just outside our borders, have happy hours that go all week, Monday through Friday, and focus on some really great food items as well as fun cocktails and traditional bar items. This allows people to get a multitude of high-quality food items for a great price.

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By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

The Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library will start accepting donations for our annual Book and Media Sale on Tuesday, Sept. 20, during regular library hours. Please don't leave books or electronic media outside the front door. Instead, bring all your donations to the circulation desk, where you'll receive an acknowledgement of your donations.

Books must be in good condition with no damage or marking, except perhaps for the classics you made notes in for class! Textbooks and computer related materials shouldn't be more than two years old. We all know how fast technol-

ogy changes and becomes obsolete. Also, we can't accept any travel brochures, magazines, product pamphlets, etc.

DVDs and CDs must be in their original sleeves or boxes and sets should be complete. No other electronic media will be accepted, so all those 8-track or Beta tapes you've been saving will have to remain in the attic. Sorry. The last day for donating items will be Saturday, Oct. 8, since we'll have to begin sorting and arranging tables in time for the sale, which will run Friday, Oct. 21, and Saturday, Oct. 22, during regular library hours; and Sunday, Oct. 23, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. On Thursday, Oct. 20, there's a private preview sale for Friends of the Library

members only. It's a good incentive to join if you aren't already a member... think of all those wonderful books you could get a first look at!

Other goings-on this month include our regular Munch and a Movie get together on Tuesday, Sept. 20, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Lunch is on you, but the movie, snacks, and beverages are on us! Bring a friend and plan to spend a pleasant, few hours enjoying a first-rate movie.

Our fall wellness program continues with 10 new sessions. Everyone's favorite, Chair Yoga, takes place on Fridays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, and 30, as well as Oct. 7. These are all hybrid classes, available in both virtual and in-person in the

Community Room. The link for those of you who prefer a virtual session is <https://tinyurl.com/folyoga22>; if you're coming in person, contact the library at extension 3 to register. Mindful Eating Meditation takes place Friday, Oct. 14 and 21; both sessions are virtual only using the same link as for Chair Yoga.

More Chair Yoga classes are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 4, 11, and 18. Nov. 4 and 18 are both hybrid classes. The Nov. 11 class is virtual only since the library will be closed then for Veterans' Day. Sign up and get ready for some excellent workouts.

Don't forget to get your 50-50 raffle tickets from the Friends at various youth sporting events this coming season. You

won't be able to miss us near the snack stand.

Finally, we'd like to thank everyone who showed up at the Friends booth during the National Night Out event at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex. So many families stopped by our booth and learned about our Museum Pass Program. Several who had already used the program told us how appreciative they were that we were funding the pass to the Elmwood Park Zoo this year. If you don't know about the program, visit Pennsauken Library.org to see all the museums, parks, and other places of interest you can visit free of charge in the area. It's a great deal, and the price is definitely right!



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state of New Jersey. Many establish lasting friendships with one another.

We will also be having a luncheon/card party on Sept. 28, also at the Merchantville Community Center.

If you are interested in attending either event or just want to know more

about the Merchantville Woman's Club, please call Geri Tabako at (856) 665-5468. We would also like to thank everyone in the community who supported our Clothing Drive in June. It was a big success. Look for information on our next collection for some time in the fall.

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GRAYMATTERS Three Thousand Five Hundred And Thirty-Eight Acts Of Kindness

By Judith Kristen,
AAP Columnist

Normally this column would be about the starting of the new school year. But instead, this column is about Walnut Ave. Yes, Pennsauken's own! And I don't even live there!

But... (my favorite conjunction) over the course of the last five and a half years that I have been driving my beloved hound dog, Sophie, to the Bow Wow Dog Park, down that stretch of Walnut Ave. asphalt, I have come to admire, enjoy, and respect not only the lovely people who live there, but also those otherwise commonly known as "traffic."

Walnut Ave. is not very wide; there's just enough space on both sides of the street to put a car, and just one other car can comfortably and easily glide down that block with ease.

But times have changed over many years and Walnut gets busy at quite a few times a day; sometimes there are wall-to-wall cars parked in their "home spaces" while two or three or four other cars are coming down from Cove Rd. heading toward Union, at the same time as five or six or seven other cars are heading from Union back down toward Cove.

The word that this situation calls for in print, is "dicey."

The word that this situation calls for in Walnut Avenue reality is, "no problem!"

And here's how the "dance" begins... One of us sees a car heading our way and we will blink our headlights as an "okay" for them to drive on; we pull over to the side so it can happen. Then, the other car or cars will blink, beep or wave a "thank you" that the cars that waited will be the next to be, "On the Road Again." Thank you, Willie Nelson.

Well, you might be thinking, big deal... BUT it is!

And this is the part I love speaking about. Over the last five and a half years, I figured I have driven Sophie to the Dog Park for her twice daily/hourly run, over 3,550 times! And, out of those 3,550 times I would say that only about a dozen times has anyone broken what I have

personally labeled, "The Walnut Avenue Code of Kindness and Reciprocity."

You know, no one shouts or yells; no one beeps their horn over and over again; and to my knowledge no one has ever allowed one of their fingers to do the talking for them... except for the "Dirty Dozen" I previously mentioned.

Now, 12 negatives out of 3,550 positives is miraculous in my eyes. And if I had those odds purchasing lottery tickets, I would be writing this column to you from my palatial estate in the Hamptons.

Folks, if we were all as thoughtful and courteous, as the travelers I have passed by over these last few years, this world couldn't help but be a nicer, kinder, and more compassionate one to live in.

And so, to those beautiful people, whoever you are, if you live here in Pennsauken or not, I sincerely thank you and I love you. You make my day, every day. The next best thing I guess would have to be that house in the Hamptons.

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of Mortuary Science of New Jersey's requirements, Angela received her funeral directors license in January of 2019. We wish you all the best in your marriage!

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS Celebrating Sixty-Five Years Of Marriage

Pennsauken residents Martin and Nelly Arnold are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4. The Arnolds have three children: Martin Jr. in Prescott Ariz., Nancy Amorosi in Maple Shade and Nelly Dixon in Branchport, N.Y. They also have four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Congratulations!

Are you celebrating a milestone that you'd like to share with our readers? Email us at aap@pennsauken.gov with details!

Martin and Nelly Arnold are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary this month.



Grace Episcopal Fall Fair Held October 29

Grace Episcopal Church, 7 E. Maple Ave., Merchantville, is holding a fall fair on Saturday, Oct. 29, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The event features a large basket and gift card raffle; attendees can buy tickets to win one of three great prizes: a \$1,500 Wegmans gift card, a \$500 Wawa gift card, and a \$250 Burlington store gift card.

The Fall Fair also includes Santa's gift

shop, where children to buy affordable gifts for mom and dad; a running train display by the Cherry Valley Model Railroad; and great food, including delicious Spanish food from the kitchen, as well as bake goods and deli table; and more.

Crafters are needed for the event. Tables are just \$25. To reserve your spot, contact Norma Bush at (856) 630-0724 or Bushwoman101@comcast.net.

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DEATHNOTICES

Remembering A Pennsauken Resident Who Gave Back

Joan I. Weber (nee Klatt), age 88 of Pennsauken, passed away on July 30 at her home.

Joan was the beloved wife of 65 years of John L. Weber; devoted mother of John R. (Bonnie Chellman), Diane (Dennis) Trost, Janice (Michael) Annarelli, Carolyn Weber, Lisa (Phillip Pelura) Weber-Marioni, and Stephen Weber (Jill Williams); loving grandmother of 14; and great grandmother of two. She is predeceased by her parents, Albert and Marie Klatt, and her beloved sister, Barbara Maxwell.

Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Weber worked for many years as an assistant teacher in the Pennsauken School District. She was very active in town, working



Weber

with the learn to swim program; serving as secretary of the Pennsauken Historical Society; and taking on various positions with the PTA, from local all the way to the state level. She was also extremely crafty, and enjoyed tole painting, calligraphy, sewing, and making silk flower arrangements and homemade decorations.

Joan's visitation was held at the Falco/Caruso & Leonard Pennsauken Funeral Home; and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Mary, Queen of All Saints Parish. Entombment followed at Calvary Mausoleum in Cherry Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901; or to Mary, Queen of All Saints Church, 4824 Camden Ave., Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

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- Computer And Email Basics – Tuesdays, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, & 9/27; 1:00 p.m. For adults. Gain the skills and confidence to navigate the internet and email in this four-week course. Registrants are expected to attend all four sessions. Registration required. Please call the library to register.

Library Card Sign-Up Month And More

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and we are celebrating with a raffle! Earn a raffle ticket when you renew your library card or sign up for a new one. Winners will be announced weekly.

Sept. 18-24 is Banned Books Week. Stop by the library to check out a challenged book and celebrate your freedom to read! Teens can join us for a special Banned Books Week program on Sept. 21. Check our library events on

- Journaling Workshop – Wednesday, 9/7; 1:00 p.m. For adults. Join Samantha Willman from the Center for Family Services for a lunchtime workshop on the meditative practice of journaling and ways it can be used to improve both mental and physical health. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/pfpljournaling>.
- Google Drive Workshop – Wednesdays, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, & 10/12; 6:15 p.m. For adults. Learn how to work smarter with Google Drive's cloud-based software in this 6-week course. Registrants are expected to attend all six sessions. Registration required at <https://tinyurl.com/pfplclasses>.
- Chair Yoga – Fridays, 9/9, 9/16, & 9/30; 10:30 a.m. For adults. The Friends of the Pennsauken Library invite you to join

this page for more details.

The Pennsauken Free Public Library's new book club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss "The Push" by Ashley Audrain. All are welcome to join, even if they haven't read the book. We'll select our next book at this meeting. Please email events@pennsaukenlibrary.org if you would like more information, or to request a copy of the book from the library.

September Library Events

us for Yoga. These hybrid classes will be held virtually via Zoom, with unlimited capacity, and in-person with attendance limited to 20. Registration required. Please call the library to reserve an in-person spot.

- Preschool Storytime – Tuesdays, 9/13 & 9/27; 10:30 a.m. For ages 3-5. Join Miss Susan at this weekly program aimed at increasing your child's attention span and teaching fine motor skills. Storytime combines reading with music, multilingual skills, finger-plays and rhymes to help parents and little ones foster a life-long love of books and reading!
- Book Club – Wednesday, 9/14; 6:30 p.m. For adults. Join us for the first meeting of our new book club! We'll be discussing "The Push" by Ashley Audrain and deciding on our next read. All are welcome! Email events@pennsaukenlibrary.org if you would like to request a copy of the book.

- Chicken Storytime – Tuesday, 9/20; 10:30 a.m. For ages 3-5. Join us for a special storytime with the South Jersey Chicken Lady, Gwenne Baile! Gwenne and her certified therapy chickens will read stories and meet and greet with our storytime friends.
- FOL Movies & Munch – Tuesday, 9/20; 1:00 p.m. For adults. The Friends of the Pennsauken Library's monthly afternoon film series is back this fall! Join us in the Community Room for a screening of September's movie. Registration required. Please call the library to reserve your seat.
- Banned Books Speed Dating – Wednesday, 9/21; 3:30 p.m. For teens. Teens are invited to celebrate Banned Books Week and the freedom to read what you want to read by going on mini "dates" with banned books in all different genres. Come discover a new favorite read!
- Cuentos Bilingües/A Bilingual Storytime – Wednesday, 9/21; 5:30 p.m. For all ages/families. Join us for a special bilingual storytime to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!
- Fourth Annual Hispanic Heritage &

Culture Festival – Saturday, 9/24; 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For all ages. Join us for music, food, and fun! Check pennsaukenlibrary.org for a detailed schedule of events.

- Taste of Latin American Heritage – Saturday, 9/24; noon. For all ages/families. Learn how to prepare healthy plant-based foods using spices and herbs, leafy greens, whole grains, beans, fruits and vegetables. Take home delicious recipes to cook for your family and friends. Register online at <https://bit.ly/LatinAH>.
- Make and Take Craft – Monday, 9/26; 3:00 p.m. For all ages. Join Youth Services for a "crafternoon" of fun! We'll be creating a fun project to take home between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Events

Chair Yoga – Friday, 9/23; 10:30 a.m. For adults. The Friends of the Pennsauken Library invite you to join us for Yoga with Michelle Carlino. The Sept. 23 class will be held virtually, via Zoom. Registration required. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/folyoga22>.

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The Pennsauken Free Public Library will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5, as well as Monday, Sept. 19, for a staff in-service.

FACT SHEET

Notification of Environmental Investigation and Cleanup Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill 9600 River Road, Pennsauken, Camden Co., NJ 08110 NJDEP Preferred Identification # 011928: LSR120001 & Case # 19-07-11-1331-31 / LSR190001 September 2, 2022

In accordance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) regulations for "Notification and Public Outreach" and per the NJDEP-approved Public Participation Plan (PPP), the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Camden County (PCFACC), the owner and operator of the Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill, provides herein information relating to environmental investigative and remedial activities being conducted at the above-referenced property (the Site).

Chemical constituents associated with landfilling activities have been detected in groundwater underlying the Site and include, but are not limited to, ammonia, arsenic, select volatile compounds, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and 1,4-dioxane. This plume is documented to be migrating via groundwater offsite and originates from an inactive, unlined landfill cell that was capped and closed by 2004. The offsite extent of the groundwater plume is not yet fully defined; however, an onsite active remedial system has been installed to remediate the plume migrating from the unlined landfill cell and is operational.

The PCFACC is conducting investigative and remedial activities in accordance with the requirements of the NJDEP to address the chemical constituents detected. In addition, an evaluation of receptors in the area is being conducted in order to ensure that the remedial approach is appropriate for the Site.

Public comment is being solicited via a 30-day public comment period. Comments will be considered and will receive a written response. Electronic copies of remedial documents will be provided upon request. For additional information for this Site, please contact the Licensed Site Remediation Professional of Record at PSL@tetrattech.com.



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Travis Manion Foundation 9/11 Heroes Run Held September 11

The Travis Manion Foundation's 9/11 Heroes Run will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken.

The event consists of a 5K run and a 1-mile fun run/walk. In addition, Travis Manion Foundation is proud to partner with GORUCK again in 2022, bringing rucking divisions to every 9/11 Heroes Run. Rucking is a sport grounded in Special Forces training, in which participants carry weighted rucksacks.

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Foundation empowers veterans and the families of fallen heroes to develop character in future generations through a variety of programs, including the 9/11 Heroes Run, an international event designed to remember the sacrifices of the heroes of September 11. Proceeds from this run will benefit the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund.

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For those with questions regarding registration, please contact Emerly and Shonda at pyaa.cheerleaders@gmail.com.



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